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OF: Keiji KURODA et al. | Art Unit: 2833

USSN: 10/719,382 | Ex.: Renee S. LUEBKE

FILED: November 20, 2003 | Conf. No.: 2554

FOR: Receptacle Connector with Latch  
Arms and Plug Connector to be  
Connected Thereto

MS AMENDMENT  
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TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 10, 2004, IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION COMPRISING ~~35~~ PAGES. A TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND FORM PTO-2038 ARE ENCLOSED.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

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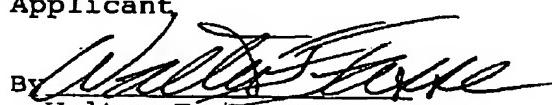
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Dear Sir:

- 1) This is a petition for an extension of two (2) months to be added to the original term of three months for responding to the Office Action mailed on: December 10, 2004.
- 2) Applicant is a Large Entity. Fee Payment: \$450.00 (Large Entity). Our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is enclosed to cover the extension fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 3) A Response is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keiji KURODA et al.  
Applicant

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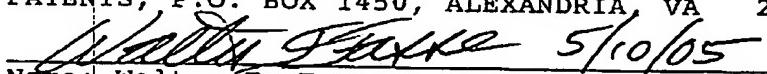
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